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**IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently amended) A method of authentication, the method comprising:  
comparing information of a request by client logic with a known pattern of information for  
the client logic; and  
when the information of the request matches the known pattern, causing at least one of  
content and software to be communicated to the client logic in response to the  
request.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
the known pattern selected according to an identification of the client logic provided with the  
request.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
an HTTP proxy comparing information of the request by the client logic with the known  
pattern of information for the client logic.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising:  
the request comprising an HTTP GET request.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
the known pattern of information comprising a value determined by combining information  
of the request.
6. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising:

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the HTTP proxy causing an HTTP server to communicate the at least one of content and software.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
applying provision information to interpret at least a portion of the information of the request; and  
comparing information interpreted from the request to information identifying the client logic.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising:  
the information identifying the client logic comprised by the request.

9. (Previously presented) An apparatus for authentication, the apparatus comprising:  
a processor; and  
logic that, when applied to the processor, results in comparing information of a request by client logic with a known pattern of information for the client logic; and when the information of the request matches the known pattern, causing at least one of content and software to be communicated to the client logic in response to the request.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising:  
logic that, when applied to the processor, results in selecting the known pattern according to an identification of the client logic provided with the request.

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11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising HTTP proxy logic.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising:

logic that, when applied to the processor, compares the request with a known pattern of  
HTTP request header information.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising:

logic that, when applied to the processor, results in combining information of the request to  
determine a value to represent the pattern of information in the request.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising:

logic that, when applied to the processor, results in causing an HTTP server to provide the at  
least one of content and software to the HTTP proxy; and in the HTTP proxy  
providing the at least one of content and software to the client logic.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising:

logic that, when applied to the processor, results in applying provision information to  
interpret at least a portion of the information of the request; and comparing  
interpreted information of the request to information of the request identifying the  
client logic.

16. (Previously presented) A method of authentication, the method comprising:

comparing information of a request by client logic with a known pattern of information for  
the client logic; and

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modifying the request information to either validate or invalidate the request according to whether the information of the request matches the known pattern.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising:  
the known pattern selected according to an identification of the client logic provided with the request.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising:  
an HTTP proxy comparing information of the request by the client logic with the known pattern of information for the client logic.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, further comprising:  
the request comprising an HTTP request.

20. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising:  
the known pattern of information comprising a value determined by combining units of information of the request.

21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising:  
the HTTP proxy causing an HTTP server to communicate at least one of content and software in response to the request.

22. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising:  
applying provision information to interpret at least a portion of the information of the request; and

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comparing information interpreted from the request to information identifying the client logic.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22, further comprising:

the information identifying the client logic comprised by the request.